

Tourism Calendar of Events

1-800-678-4748 or 373-1776

January 2007

thru 1/28 "Nunsense" Riverside Center Dinner Theater
"Nunsense" will prove that going to the Riverside Dinner Theater is "habit" forming. Don't miss this opportunity to laugh til you cry. 540-370-4300 for Reservations. Website has more detailed information on upcoming events. \$

1/5 First Friday A celebration of the arts in Old Town Fredericksburg with new exhibit openings in downtown galleries, times varying but within 6 to 9:30 p.m. FREE

1/14 Hugh Mercer's Birthday
Celebrate the 281st birthday of Dr. Hugh Mercer. You'll learn from Dr. Mercer's assistants what combination of herbs, extracts and barks were used to cure what ails you. Take a walk in the herb garden. Leeches, lancets, snake-root, and crab claws make up just some of the remedies. Noon to 4 p.m. FREE

15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Speaker

A Cultural Awareness Series event and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day lecture by Zenobia L. Hikes, vice president for student affairs at Virginia Tech, at 4 p.m. in George Washington Hall, Dodd Auditorium. FREE

1/20 to 3/10 "Willy Wonka" Riverside Children's Theater Matinee Willy Wonka Adventures will delight your child/grandchild. Each Saturday is special - Live Theater and Lunch for the price of going to the movies. Don't miss it! 540-370-4300 for Box Office Information \$

1/25/ to 2/11 Adjunct Studio Art Faculty Exhibition
An exhibit by Scott Ligon in duPont Gallery. An opening reception will be held on January 25, 5 to 7 p.m. FREE

February 2007

2/2 First Friday A celebration of the arts in Old Town Fredericksburg with new exhibit openings in downtown galleries, times varying but within 6 to 9:30 p.m. FREE

2/2 to 4/29 "Bye Bye Birdie" Riverside Dinner Theater
Classic and Fun Musical - Enjoy "Bye Bye Birdie" as you "rock" back to a simpler time when Rock and Roll was king. Call for Reservations 540-370-4300. See website for more information. \$



2/6 Black History Month Keynote Lecture A Black History Month Keynote Lecture by Jehmu Greene, national director of Project Vote and former executive director of Rock the Vote; a Cultural Awareness Series event; Woodard Campus Center, Great Hall at 7 p.m. FREE

2/9 2nd Annual Sweet Side of Life 2007 An evening of live music, dancing to the Fredericksburg Big Band, and decadent desserts compliments of local restaurants and caterers, 8 to 11:30 PM. Proceeds benefit Fredericksburg Counseling Services, Inc. \$

2/15 to 2/25 "Shakespeare's R&J" Drama adapted by Joe Calarca. Shows will be in Klein Theatre Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 8 p.m., 2 p.m. Sunday matinees. \$

2/16 to 2/25 Senior Studio Art Major Exhibition Senior studio art majors of the University of Mary Washington display their works, and offer some for sale, duPont Gallery, regular gallery hours. Opening reception on February 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. FREE

2/18 Black History Celebration The Spotsylvania County Courthouse Tourism and Special Events Commission will be holding its Fourth Annual "Black History Program" in recognition of the celebration of African-American History month. The program is designed share history, hobbies and memorabilia as presented by local schools. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. FREE

2/19 President's Day at Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop
See Dr. Hugh Mercer's Apothecary, learn about medicine in the eighteenth century and stroll through the herb garden. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$

2/19 President's Day at the Mary Washington House Visit the home of George Washington's mother, Mary. Enjoy a guided tour with a costumed hostess, and visit the gardens Mary enjoyed so much. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$

2/19 President's Day at the Rising Sun Tavern Enjoy a living history tour at with the tavern "wenches" at the Rising Sun Tavern as they tell about life in colonial times. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$



2/19 George Washington's Boyhood Birthday! Let them eat cake and celebrate America's most famous Birthday Boy! Bring your growing kids to where George grew up. Enjoy learning the history of area by playing colonial era games & experiencing life through the first president's boyhood. \$

February continued...



2/22 George Washington's Birthday

Visit the Mary Washington House, which George bought for his mother. We will celebrate Washington's birthday with costumed tours and refreshments. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$

2/24 to 2/25 Mid-Winter Wine

Festival Hartwood Winery Beat the winter blahs by spending a day in the country tasting the award winning wines of Hartwood Winery. \$10 per

person includes tours, hor d'ouvres and complimentary glass. \$

2/25 Music Mania Children explore the world of music, rhythm and sound with hands-on fun! 3:30pm-5:00pm. at the Dorothy Hart Community Center \$

March 2007

2/2/2007 to 4/29/"Bye Bye Birdie" Riverside Dinner Theater Classic and Fun Musical - Enjoy "Bye Bye Birdie" as you "rock" back to a simpler time when Rock and Roll was king. Call for Reservations 540-370-4300. See website for more information. \$

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3/3 Bowl for Kids' Sake Bowl for Kids's Sake is our largest fundraising effort of the year and is a three-part bowling event involving hundreds of individuals and businesses in the community. Please come support Rappahannock Big Brothes Big Sisters! \$

3/11 Fredericksburg Big Band Concert A community concert featuring the swing music of the 40's. FREE

3/14/ The Fredericksburg Forum James Earl Jones, Celebrated Actor and Cultural Observer, "From Frontier to Freeway: Culture at the Crossroads" \$

3/15 to 3/25 "Scherer and Ouporov" An exhibit on display in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. An opening reception will be held on March 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. FREE

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3/17 Governor Spotswood Awards Banquet Fourth Annual Governor Spotswood Award Banquet sponsored by the Spotsylvania Courthouse Tourism and Special Events Commission. \$

3/17 March Musical Mix The University of Mary Washington Symphony Orchestra performs "French Connection" at 7:30 p.m. in George Washington Hall, Dodd Auditorium. FREE

3/17 St. Patrick's Day Parade (5th Annual) The 5th Annual Fredericksburg Area St. Patrick's Day Parade and Volunteer Fire Department fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2007 at noon down Main St. in the Bowman Center. (Across the street from the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds) Immediately following the parade, a separate event will be held. There will be a corned beef and cabbage fundraiser hosted by the Blue & Gray Brewing Co. The Blue & Gray Brewing Co. plans the event and donates corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and drinks (beer or Snapple). All proceeds, from the \$5.00 (advance purchase) per plate food sales can be forwarded to volunteer fire departments' of Spotsylvania and Stafford Counties. Parade is FREE. Event following \$

3/17 to 3/18 Soup d'Jour Weekend at Hartwood Winery Enjoy seasonal soups matched with Hartwood Wines from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$3 per bowl. Warm up with special soups and award winning Hartwood wines. Relax in the warmth of Hartwood Winery. More information is available by visiting Hartwood Winery on line or call 540-752-4893 \$

3/18to 3/25 56th Annual Fredericksburg Fine Arts Exhibit Regional artists display their artwork while competing in various media for awards. FREE

3/28 Women's History Month Keynote Lecture Gerda Lerner, author and pioneer in the field of women's history will speak in the Woodard Campus Center Great Hall at 7 p.m. FREE

3/29 to 3/31 12th Annual Children's Art Festival Local children ages four through grade seven display their works through various media. FREE

3/31 Easter Egg Hunt An egg hunt and a visit with the Easter bunny for young children. Bring your basket. 12:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Fredericksburg Parks and Recreation Dept. and the Fredericksburg Jaycees .FREE